

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5588. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XE604) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5589. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Framework Adjustment 27" (RIN0648-BF59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5590. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Framework Adjustment 55" (RIN0648-BF62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 19, 2016; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2812. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2831. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide priority for applicants for a license to operate as a small business investment company that are located in a disaster area.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 2838. A bill to improve the HUBZone program.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

S. 2846. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property education and training for small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 2847. A bill to require greater transparency for Federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses.

By Mr. VITTER, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with amendments:

S. 2850. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to provide for expanded participation in the microloan program, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. Scott F. Benedict and ending with Col. Matthew G. Trollinger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 22, 2016.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Linda L. Singh, to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Jon C. Kreitz, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Maryanne Miller, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Cindy R. Jebb, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Sidney N. Martin, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. William F. Moran, to be Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Robert P. Burke, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Thomas J. Moore, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Jan E. Tighe, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. David G. Bassett and ending with Brig. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 18, 2016. (minus 1 nominee: Brig. Gen. Robert P. Walters, Jr.)

Navy nomination of Adm. Michelle J. Howard, to be Admiral.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Christopher R. McNulty, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Zachary P. Augustine and ending with Brian A. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 18, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with William J. Fecke and ending with Janet K. Urbanski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 18, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael Christopher Ahl and ending with Lisa Marie Wotkowicz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 18, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Timothy James Anderson and ending with Justin L. Wolthuisen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 18, 2016.

Air Force nominations beginning with Victoria D. Ables and ending with Matthew G. Zinn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 18, 2016.

Army nomination of Fany L. Rivera, to be Major.

Army nomination of Todd E. Schroeder, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Monica J. Milton, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Michelle M. Agpalza and ending with D012971, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 28, 2016.

Army nominations beginning with Jacob I. Abrami and ending with G010400, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 28, 2016.

Army nominations beginning with Richard R. Aaron and ending with D012923, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 28, 2016.

Army nomination of Carl J. Wojtaszek, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of G010339, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael A. Izzo, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Joshua R. Pounders, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ernest C. Lee, Jr., to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Terrance W. Adams and ending with Cynthia M. Zapotocny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 11, 2016.

Army nominations beginning with Jennifer L. Adamsbuckhouse and ending with Melvin W. Zimmer, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 11, 2016.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey A. Abele and ending with James M. Zieba, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 11, 2016.

Army nomination of Kathryn A. Katz, to be Major.

Army nomination of Bryan P. Hendren, to be Major.

Army nomination of Weston C. Goring, to be Major.

Army nomination of Srilalitha Donepudi, to be Major.

Army nomination of Daniel P. Fisher, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Darin J. Blatt, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Zoltan L. Krompecher, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of John D. Wingert, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Janelle V. Kutter, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Kevin T. Reeves, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Ankita B. Patel, to be Major.

Army nomination of Marshall H. Smith, to be Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of David M. Sousa, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jeffrey J. Abramaitys and ending with Erich H. Wagner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 28, 2016.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Richard T. Anderson and ending with Seth E. Yost, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 28, 2016.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Victor M. Abelson and ending with Matthew P. Zummo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2016.

Navy nomination of Jason A. Grant, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Darren J. Donley, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Marc D. Boran, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Scott P. Smith, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Joseph F. Abrutz III and ending with Michael P. Wolchko, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 28, 2016.

Navy nomination of David H. McAlister, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Devin D. Burns, to be Lieutenant Commander.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. BALDWIN, Mr. NELSON, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2977. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish an excise tax on the production and importation of opioid pain relievers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 472. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the economy of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. PETERS):

S. Res. 473. A resolution expressing appreciation of the goals of American Craft Beer Week and commending the small and independent craft brewers of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GARDNER:

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal excise tax on heavy-duty trucks should not be increased; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 299

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 386

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 386, a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

S. 857

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of an initial comprehensive care plan for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada.

S. 1631

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1631, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to multiemployer pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1838

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1838, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the treatment of coordinated expenditures as contributions to candidates, and for other purposes.

S. 2151

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2151, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide liability protections for volunteer practitioners at health centers under section 330 of such Act.

S. 2210

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to establish peer specialists in patient aligned care teams at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2238

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2238, a bill to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit

coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 2292

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2292, a bill to reform laws relating to small public housing agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2373

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

S. 2457

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2457, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided education assistance to employer payments of student loans.

S. 2464

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2464, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 2531

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2531, a bill to authorize State and local governments to divest from entities that engage in commerce-related or investment-related boycott, divestment, or sanctions activities targeting Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 2540

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2540, a bill to provide access to counsel for unaccompanied children and other vulnerable populations.

S. 2588

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2588, a bill to provide grants to eligible entities to reduce lead in drinking water.

S. 2595

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 2779

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2779, a bill to reauthorize the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and for other purposes.